

## Mrs. Mills Called Jimmy Inferior, Said She Loved Dr. Hall, Sister Swears

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elipal witness was to be brought into court, possibly on a stretcher, caused the largest crowd of the trial to assemble today. Eager for a sight of the woman who had been kidnaped from the Somerset County Hospital by the prosecution and removed to the Jersey City Hospital, Somerville's population, at least a good part of it, descended on the court house, but most of it was turned away for lack of room.

When informed that Mrs. Gibson might be brought in tomorrow, Mrs. Hall replied she hoped such would be the case. She explained that when the trial is ended she does not want it said she and her brothers were acquitted because a witness was too ill to testify.

Dr. Charles B. Kelley of the Jersey City Hospital staff said this afternoon that the "pig woman" is improving slowly but steadily. He would not venture an opinion on how soon she may be removed with safety.

### Row Over Stereopticon

The trial was delayed an hour by argument over whether views of the Phillips farm, where the murders occurred, should be shown from a stereopticon machine, which Special Prosecutor Simpson had caused to be set up. Such a move was bitterly opposed by Robert H. McCarter, chief defense counsel. The matter will be decided by Justice Parker later in the day.

In the meantime, the machine has been placed in position in front of a white cloth screen about five feet square and in full view of the jury.

Disappointment ran through the spectators as witness followed witness and no sign came that Mrs. Gibson would appear. However, they were partially repaid for the presence by the dramatic statements of Mrs. Lee.

In low voice she told of her sister's plan to go away with the rector when he could obtain a divorce. Mrs. Lee had obtained her sister's confidence when she visited at the Carman Street home of the Mills.

Q. You attended Dr. Hall's Church? A. At social gatherings.

Q. You were at a motion picture show there where Mrs. Mills ran the machine, when Dr. Hall was there? A. Yes, she was operating the machine and Dr. Hall came over and put his hand on hers.

Q. Did she say anything of her relations with Dr. Hall? A. She

said she loved him. That was in 1919. Their love was platonic then. Their relations were quite proper.

Q. Did she say why she loved him? A. She thought him her intellectual equal and her ideal as a man.

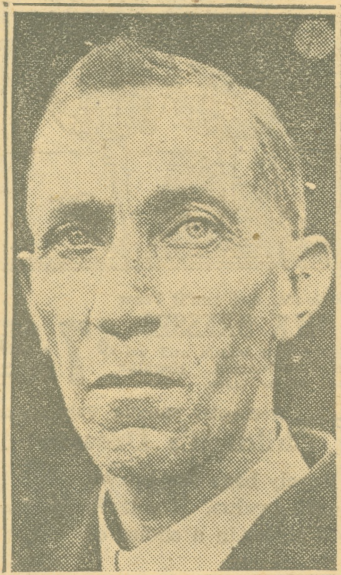
Q. What was the state of her mind later? A. She said she was going away with him, that he was going to try to get a divorce.

Q. Did you see her later? A. Yes, in April, 1922.

Q. What did she say? A. She said she was going away with Dr. Hall to Japan.

Q. Did you ever see your sister kiss Dr. Hall? A. Yes, in 1918. I came home early one day. He was in an arm chair. She was on his knee. I saw him kiss her as she jumped off his lap.

As the woman told of Dr. Hall's intimacies with Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Hall gazed steadily at her through



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narrowed eyelids. She showed absolutely no emotion.

"I occupied an attic room with Charlotte at the Mills home in 1918," Mrs. Lee told McCarter in cross-examination.

Q. Mrs. Mills told her husband in your presence that she loved Dr. Hall and was going to go away with him? A. Yes, she said when she was ready she would go, but that she would not disgrace her husband's name.

Q. Mrs. Mills was turning a picture machine at that church function. Where were you? A. I was in line with the machine, to the right. There was a light bulb on the machine.

Q. When you heard Mrs. Mills speak of Japan in 1918, who was

present? A. Her husband and myself.

Q. How do you fix the year when you saw Mrs. Mills kiss Dr. Hall? A. It was the year I became engaged.

One of the first arrivals today



was Calvin Goddard, bullet expert, and his presence seemed to strengthen the rumor that Special Prosecutor Simpson will produce the murder gun in court.

Q. What room was it in? A. The front room.

"Did Mrs. Mills ever say that she had what Mrs. Hall had never had—the love of Dr. Hall?" Simpson asked.

At this question, Mrs. Hall closed her eyes tightly, and her lips quivered slightly. It was for but a moment, however, and the mask-like features were as of stone again.

McCarter objected, and Simpson reframed his question.

### Suspected Mrs. Clarke

"Eleanor was not friendly with Mrs. Hall. She said she suspected Minna Clarke—"

McCarter again objected to Mrs. Lee's reference to his client, but the court overruled him.

"She suspected Minna Clarke of telling Mrs. Hall things that would make Mrs. Hall feel unfriendly toward her."

Q. When was that conversation? A. In April, 1922.

Mrs. Lee left the stand.

### Detective Testifies

When Anthony Silzer again failed to respond Simpson put on Capt. Harry Walsh, his detective aid.

Q. Do you know Henry Stevens? A. Yes.

Q. When did you first see him? A. In Lavallette in August, 1926.

Simpson had Walsh identify five pages of a statement Stevens had given him at that time.

"You went there to obtain a statement?" Case questioned Walsh.

"I asked him to describe his movements on the murder night. His answers were reduced to writing."

Q. Did he request counsel? A.

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## Hall-Mills Tragedy Due To Immorality of Modern U. S. Life, Says Dr. Straton

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If I do not accomplish anything else by this series of articles I am writing on the Hall-Mills case, I hope at least to impress my readers with the fundamental truth that the supreme need of this age is that we should all catch a new vision of the greatness of God.

Our man-made modern philosophy tends to magnify man and minimize God. And the result is such tragedies as this one which is now engaging our attention.

The degradation of the modern dance, the sensuality upon the stage and screen, the licentiousness of much modern literature, the destruction of the integrity of the marriage vow and the general glorification of the flesh over the spirit today are all traceable precisely to the loss of the sense of sin, and behind that is the loss of the vision of a great and holy God

voice of Isaiah, who pronounced his woes upon such shame: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and of Him who at last is to sit upon a 'Great White Throne' as Judge of the assembled universe—One from whose face 'heaven and earth,' we are told, will flee away.

If there is terror to wrongdoers in such scenes as we are now witnessing in the court room at Somerville, what will that tremendous scene mean to those who have transgressed righteous laws?

As we measure ourselves by the spotless standards of the Holy and Most High God, there is need for repentance and for cleansing. God never makes light of sin. Kings have been overthrown, empires wrecked and whole dynasties destroyed because of sin.

### Sin Always Punished

From the first judgment upon sin in the Garden of Eden, which led to expulsion and to the accusing voice of God amidst the trees of the Garden, and to the setting of the fiery sword to guard the lost paradise, down through the mark upon the forehead of Cain, and the awful destruction of the flood and the banishment at last of his own people, God measures out punishment for iniquity!

And as we see Christ sweating drops of blood in the shadows of Gethsemane, and hanging at last in the anguish upon the cross—as we hear that terrible cry which was wrung from his parched and dying lips, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"—we read the lesson of the awfulness of human sin, and that God will "by no means clear the guilty."

Yes, even the message of forgiveness which God sent through Jesus Christ is never so pressing as to make sin seem light and trivial. The measure of God's horror against sin and the depth of inherent ill desert of sin is found in the tremendous truth that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

It was necessary that God, Himself, in Christ Jesus, should leave the light and love and music of heaven and come down to earth, and take upon Him the form of a servant and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, that sin might be forgiven and our iniquity purged.

This age needs arousing on this point! There is an imperative call for a searching of our individual hearts and consciences in the light of God's holiness. There is need for a re-measurement of our ethical ideals beside the high standards of heaven. There is a need to put good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20.)

We need to come back in this beloved land of ours to that deep sense of sin which flows from the vision of a holy God, high and lifted up! We need now to humble ourselves under the mighty hand purging of God's church of the selfishness, self-seeking and worldliness that blight the spiritual life and put a mortgage of moral incompetence upon the coming generations!

In another article I shall speak of the connection between the church and this tragedy, but now I would leave the emphasis in every mind that we need to see God as both great and good!

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which the shallow evolutionary philosophy of today has brought about.

### Moral Values Weakened

Moral values have been weakened down to the vanishing point. There was a time in modern history when black was black and white was white, but the easy-going optimism of the times has changed all this. We have reached a condition of almost complete compromise in the field of ethics. We no longer have black or white, but only a dull, washed-out, battleship gray! There was a time when stealing was stealing, but now it is only "financing."

There was a time when the loss of virtue led to tears and broken hearts and disgrace. It was called by its proper name, but today indulgent mothers and spoiled society leaders refer to it merely as "youthful indiscretion."

We need to heed the mighty

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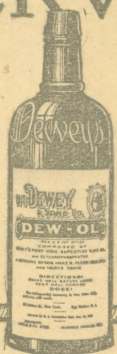


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When the invitation from The GRAPHIC to write on the Hall-Mills case came to me through my friend, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Welles Keeler, pastor of the Crawford Memorial Church of New York and religious news editor of The GRAPHIC, I was given the assurance that The GRAPHIC would print my comments precisely as I wrote them, and that the paper desired to do a service for God and man by opening its columns for lessons in right living and straight thinking, in the light of this terrible tragedy, which, because of the prominence of those connected with it and the deplorable conditions that brought it forth, has centered the grieved and amazed attention of the whole world.

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